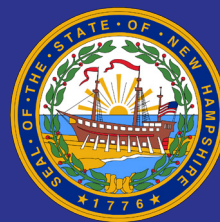


# FirstNet New Hampshire Newsletter



## Message from John T. Stevens, (SWIC) and State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for NH



Welcome to the first edition of the FirstNet/New Hampshire quarterly Newsletter. The purpose of the Newsletter is to keep you all up-to-date regarding FirstNet and Interoperability initiatives taking place throughout New Hampshire. Through the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) much has been accomplished over the past couple years because of the dedicated efforts of its members and those who have taken a proactive interest in insuring the safety and security of our first responders and those who live and visit New Hampshire. From signed legislation that establishes the authority of the SIEC, to updating the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP), to establishing a

four hour Interoperability curriculum at the police recruit level at PSTC, to working with the New Hampshire Fire Academy in developing an In-Service level Interoperability on-line training program, to offering a CommL Training Program through the US Department of Homeland Security, Office of Emergency Communications with an approved New Hampshire based certification program, to having an engaged SIEC Frequency/Interoperability Working Group, an SIEC Operations Working Group, and a FirstNet/Broadband Working Group, the measuring stick for accomplishments have been long. As the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for FirstNet, it has been my honor and pleasure to work with such a dedicated group of individuals who have defined the community of New Hampshire and the issues facing interoperability communications. Much work is before us however, and I look forward to the challenges that we'll face in the coming months knowing full well the capacity of the SIEC to succeed.

### Newly Launched Social Media Sites



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We invite you to check us out on Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn, follow us for the latest updates and news.

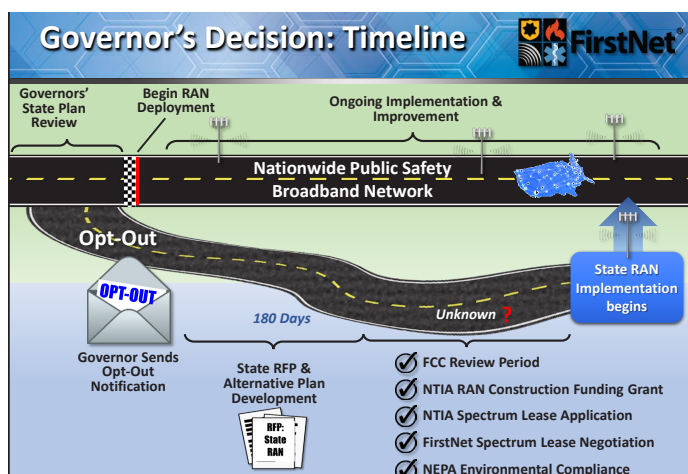
### Mission Critical Partners Update

New Hampshire worked with Mission Critical Partners, Inc. (MCP), a public safety communication consulting firm, to develop a NH Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) data collection and analysis report. The state determined that FirstNet's proposed baseline coverage model for the NPSBN deployment didn't align with the requirements of NH's public safety community. In January 2016, New Hampshire engaged with MCP to initiate a comprehensive data-collection effort to further identify and emphasize the requirements that New Hampshire has for the NPSBN deployment. The report was needed to generate information for FirstNet to consider as it develops the final state plan for New Hampshire. MCP was impressed with the response received from a survey conducted amongst NH first responders. Over 200 responses were received, which was the best response they've seen out of any state. At the end of June a finalized report was issued and forwarded to FirstNet that showcases the New Hampshire story that illustrates and supports a statewide buildout.

## Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee Meeting Update

On May 6th the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee and working groups held a meeting at the NH Fire Academy. Mike Varney from FirstNet made a presentation regarding FirstNet's progress in developing their New Hampshire state plan. FirstNet released an RFP (request for proposal) on January 13th, with a due date for proposals by May 31st. The evaluation process is set to take place over five months, with a contract slated to be awarded in November. The state plans will utilize an online portal, with two entrance points. One will be for public safety entities, and the other will be for the governor. The public safety entities side will feature information on coverage, services, applications and features, as well as devices and accessories. The governor's side will feature information on policy compliance, timeframe and cost, and interoperability. Ultimately it is the governor's decision as to whether or not the state will opt-in or opt-out of FirstNet's plan, a decision is required within 90 days of the state plan being presented. If the governor decides to opt-out, the state has 180 days to develop an alternative plan.

Responsibilities and Decisions		
	Decision	Responsibility
<b>BAND-14 CORE</b>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FirstNet <input type="checkbox"/> QPP <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Care <input type="checkbox"/> Applications
<b>RAN DEPLOYMENT</b>	Governor Decides: <input type="checkbox"/> FirstNet Plan, or <input type="checkbox"/> Opt-Out	<input type="checkbox"/> FirstNet, or <input type="checkbox"/> Governor
<b>WIRELESS SERVICES, PRODUCTS &amp; APPLICATIONS</b>	Public Safety Entities Decide: <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt, or <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Adopt	Public Safety Entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enterprise Users <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Users



New Hampshire put out an RFP in December of 2015, recognizing early on that 180 days was not a sufficient amount of time to put out an RFP and develop an alternative plan. The purpose behind the RFP process was to provide the governor with the best information possible. The RFP is not a certain precursor to opting out of FirstNet, New Hampshire remains in lockstep with FirstNet. The next SIEC meeting will be held on September 16th at 9:00 AM at the NH Fire Academy in classrooms 5 and 6.

## 12th Annual NH Emergency Preparedness Conference

John T. Stevens attended the NH Emergency Preparedness Conference which was held on June 9th in Manchester. He presented along with Mike Varney, FirstNet Region I Coordinator, together they spoke about the collaboration between NH and FirstNet in anticipation of the build-out of a Long Term Evolution (LTE) network. They also hosted an exhibitor booth where they were on hand to speak with a vast audience including emergency management, health officers, community/public health, fire, EMS, law enforcement, medical/healthcare, risk management, & local government.



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